



# ***OEAA Update***

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## **2008 OEAA Conferences**

Registration is now available for the *2008 Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability Conferences* at [www.gomiem.org](http://www.gomiem.org).

Due to the many requests last year, the conferences will be held before assessments begin. We have also expanded the session offerings. The conferences will each be one day this year, focusing on assessment and accountability topics including sessions on MEAP, MI-Access, MME, AYP, *EducationYES!*, Secondary Credit Assessments, ELPA, NAEP, and using your assessment results. Space is limited at all sites.

Registration rates:

- \$100 Early Bird - Ends two weeks before each conference
- \$115 Regular registration - During the two-week period before each conference
- \$125 Walk-in registration, if space permits

Dates and locations:

August 21 -Marquette  
August 26- Sterling Heights  
September 16 - Grand Rapids  
September 18 - Lansing

September 22 - Bay City  
September 25 - Livonia  
October 2 - Gaylord

For conference information, please contact Tami Feldpausch at 517-241-4136 or via email [feldpauscht@michigan.gov](mailto:feldpauscht@michigan.gov). For registration information, please contact Danielle Dankenbring at 517-327-2589 or via email [danielle@gomiem.org](mailto:danielle@gomiem.org).

## **New OEAA Phone Menu**

We recently updated the phone menu you hear when calling our toll-free number (877-560-8378). You will be directed to select a specific program area.

*Please note that the menu of options has changed. If you previously pressed a particular number for a program, it may no longer take you to the same program. So PLEASE listen carefully to the complete NEW menu of options before making your selection.*

We hope this change helps reduce the amount of time it takes to connect you with the right person and the right information.

## More Assessment Data Now Available

New MI-Access, ELPA and MME assessment result data have been added recently to the *Michigan Education Performance Report* at [www.michigan.gov/mepr](http://www.michigan.gov/mepr). We would also appreciate your thoughts/suggestions regarding the data you see posted. Email us at: [oeaa@mi.gov](mailto:oeaa@mi.gov).

## Fall 2008 MEAP Times and Sample Schedule

The Fall 2008 MEAP Testing Times are now available on the MEAP website: [www.michigan.gov/meap](http://www.michigan.gov/meap) in the "Fall 2008 Assessments" section. You will also find a sample MEAP Test Schedule, if you care to use it, to help you plan your administration of the MEAP assessments.

## Important Dates: Fall 2008 MEAP

A memo and attachments regarding important deadlines for the Fall 2008 MEAP Grades 3-9 were recently sent to LEA and ISD superintendents, directors of public school academies, and nonpublic school principals. District assessment coordinators were emailed regarding this information.

Important information, steps, and deadlines from the memo:

The Fall 2008 MEAP assessment schedule for Grades 3-9 was attached (also available on the MEAP webpage: [www.michigan.gov/meap](http://www.michigan.gov/meap)).

### Step 1 - Response Form

The Response Form for Fall 2008 OEAA Pre-ID Options was enclosed in the mailing. This form is specific to each district and was not attached to the email to district assessment coordinators. *The form must be faxed to OEAA on or before May 9, 2008.*

### Step 2 – Order Materials May 12 through June 6, 2008

District/schools need to enter approximate student counts, order accommodated versions of the assessment, and indicate school or district office delivery of materials.

This must be completed via the OEAA Secure Site at [www.michigan.gov/oeaa-secure](http://www.michigan.gov/oeaa-secure)

### Step 3 – Pre-identification of Students

Fall 2008 MEAP answer documents will not be printed with student barcode information. Schools will receive printed barcode labels to be placed on answer documents for students identified on the OEAA Secure Site between May 15 and August 1, 2008.

There will be a second shipment of printed barcode labels for students identified on the OEAA Secure Site between August 2 – September 11, 2008.

Schools will need to print student barcode labels at the school for all students identified on the OEAA Secure Site after September 11, 2008.

All student answer documents must have the appropriate barcode label affixed to ensure scoring.

Instructions for identifying students and printing student barcode labels can be found in the OEAA Secure Site Users Manual located on the log in page of the OEAA Secure Site.

Complete information regarding all of the above is contained in the memo. Please assure it reaches the appropriate person in your school or district.

## **ELA MEAP Revisions**

This fall, schools will be required to administer the ELA assessment in two sessions. The dates for these sessions are Thursday, October 16, and Tuesday, October 21, with make-up sessions following each administration. There are still four parts to the ELA assessment and they will be untimed. The estimated time for administration is 120 minutes each day. Most schools will probably want to schedule a morning and afternoon test period.

Some modifications have been made to the 2008 test. The "Response to the Paired Reading Selections" has been eliminated. The cross-text multiple choice questions will increase from five to six. In addition, each of the passages from the pairing will have a short-answer (one to three sentences) constructed-response question that will be scored with a three-point rubric.

The purpose for using the short-answer constructed-response questions is to measure higher order comprehension while minimizing the impact from writing. There have been questions about these constructed-responses and their accompanying rubrics, so here are three examples that might be used for the fairy tale *Cinderella*.

*Example 1:* List three things that the fairy godmother gave Cinderella so that she could go to the ball.

*Rubric:*

- 3 - The student lists three things that the godmother gave to Cinderella.
- 2 - The student lists two things that the godmother gave to Cinderella.
- 1 - The student lists one thing that the godmother gave to Cinderella.
- 0 - The student does not list anything that the godmother gave to Cinderella.

*Example 2:* What was the Prince's problem? Explain what he did to solve the problem using two examples and/or details from the story.

*Rubric:*

- 3 points for stating the problem and providing two details/examples from the story.
- 2 points for stating the problem and providing one detail/example from the story.
- 1 point for stating the problem.
- 0 - Response fails to address the prompt.

*Example 3:* *Cinderella* has many strong characters. Choose one character from the story and describe that character's personality. Use at least two details from the story to support your description.

*Rubric:*

- 3 - A three-point response describes the character's personality and uses two text-based details to support their description.
- 2 - A two-point response describes the character's personality and uses one text-based detail to support their description.
- 1 - A one-point response describes the character's personality but offers no text-based support for their description.
- 0 - The response is totally incorrect.

The difficulty of the questions can range from very simple (like Example 1) to the more complex (like Examples 2 and 3). Rubrics will need to be developed for each of the questions due to the specificity that is required for scoring.

Starting this fall, some of the passages will be written by Michigan authors. This will allow for the release of the passages on the OEAA website, along with their accompanying items.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Wendy Gould at 517-241-2090 or GouldW@michigan.gov.

## **Report Card Appeal Deadlines**

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has made available the draft 2008 School Report Cards for elementary and middle schools for authorized users at: <https://oeaa.state.mi.us/ayp/login.asp>. Appeals are now being accepted so that the appeals may be reflected in the Report Cards when released to the public in August. The last day to file an appeal of the 2008 elementary and middle school report cards is Wednesday, May 21 (11:59 PM). *No appeals will be accepted after that time.*

The MDE expects draft school report cards for high schools, alternative schools, K-12 schools, special education centers and final district AYP will be available in mid-June. The time period for filing appeals for these schools will be through Friday, July 18 (11:59 PM). *No appeals will be accepted after that time.*

There are no major changes in the 2008 Report Cards. Please know that AYP targets for school year 2007-08 are higher than they were for 2006-07. Unless there is improvement in student achievement, some schools may find that they achieved AYP in 2006-07 but not in 2007-08.

## **ELPA Window Closed**

Spring 2008 ELPA testing window closed April 25. Our thanks to districts for an efficient and successful administration of the English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA). Assessment administrators, working with building and district coordinators, were a great help in assuring Pearson will deliver their reports on time.

The last day to ship your packaged ELPA materials to Pearson San Antonio was Friday, May 2. Emergency extra shipping labels can be requested by emailing Suzie Conrad at Pearson ([suzanne.conrad@pearson.com](mailto:suzanne.conrad@pearson.com)).

ELPA materials shipped now will still be scored, but Individual Student Reports and Parent Reports will be delayed for those students. Please contact the OEAA at 877-560-8378 if you have questions about late ELPA materials returns.

ELPA materials shipped after May 31 will NOT be scored.

## **ELPA Tested Roster Schedule**

Your district's ELPA Tested Roster will be made available for viewing according to the materials return cycle in which your district participated. These rosters can be viewed on the OEAA Secure Site: [www.michigan.gov/oeaa-secure](http://www.michigan.gov/oeaa-secure)

- For districts participating in the PILOT Cycle, ELPA Tested Roster will be available from Wednesday, May 7 to Tuesday, May 13.
- For districts participating in the PRIORITY Cycle, ELPA Tested Roster will be available from Tuesday, May 20 to Tuesday, May 27.
- For districts participating in the REGULAR Cycle, ELPA Tested Roster will be available from Friday, May 30 to Thursday, June 5.

ELPA Tested Roster is the ONLY opportunity you have to identify missing students, missing answer documents, or make corrections to student demographics for the Spring 2008 ELPA. In order to receive timely and accurate ELPA reports, please assure that the staff member who completes the ELPA Tested Roster review in your school receives this message and the opening and closing dates above.

For assistance when reviewing your ELPA Tested Roster, please email the OEAA at [mde-elpa@michigan.gov](mailto:mde-elpa@michigan.gov), or call 877-560-8378. Also, the OEAA Secure Site ([www.michigan.gov/oeaa-secure](http://www.michigan.gov/oeaa-secure)) features an *OEAA Secure Site User Manual* at the bottom of the "Announcements" page.

## **\$4000 Scholarship for Residents Only**

We have been advised by the Michigan Department of Treasury that students who are not Michigan residents are NOT eligible to earn the \$4000 Michigan Promise scholarship. While nonpublic high schools in Michigan may administer the Michigan Merit Exam (MME) to nonresidents, only Michigan residents may earn the scholarship. Nonresident students should be so advised before they take the MME to prevent disappointment later. If you have questions about the scholarship, please call the Department of Treasury at 888-447-2687.

## **New OEAA Staff Member**

Patricia Touzeau (pronounced "TOO-zoe") is OEAA's new financial analyst. She will be involved with analyzing contracts, reviewing program costs, and preparing projections. Pat comes to us from the Michigan Department of Human Services. Welcome Pat!